



Members of Arise Church (Justine, Nicci, Abi, Julia and Phil) delivering donations to Russell's Hall Hospital.



Comfort bags packaged for C5 ward at Russell's Hall Hospital.



The #SHINE Community Project (started by Arise Church) began at the beginning of the UK lockdown with the aim to support the local community during this time. Monetary donations via a Just Giving page and physical donations have been made to support the cause since then.

Luxury hand care products were gifted to local NHS staff as a small thank you for the work they are doing at this time. Personalised letters have been written and sent out to some NHS staff and also, over 70s who are self isolating, to let them know they're thought of. Colouring packs have been put together and donated to the local hospital to make children's hospital experience a little brighter. A monetary donation to 'Safe Families' (a charity that provides support for families in crisis) has also been made and has enabled them to purchase supermarket vouchers. The project has also been able to support the local foodbank by delivering food parcels to those who need them in the area.

The most recent contribution to the community came about through Nicci Hickman, a nurse at Russell's Hall, who made the #SHINE team aware of a need for the Covid-19 patients on the C5 ward, where she works. The need was to make patients stay more comfortable by providing a tablet so they can stay in touch with their families and loved ones via social media, 3 radios, a variety of toiletries, puzzle books and snacks as well as pre packed comfort bags so that patients know they are thought of and loved at this time. This is particularly important as families are not able to visit due to the current circumstances. A trip to the hospital by members of the #SHINE team took place on Wednesday 6th May to deliver the goods – staff there were extremely grateful!

The next step of the project is to support businesses in the area by partnering with the Wheatmill Bakery in Kingswinford to purchase cupcakes to donate to care home staff in Kingswinford. This supports a local business and also acknowledges our gratitude for the work of the care home staff at this difficult time. Vouchers from The Backyard Cafe in Kingswinford, who are offering a collection only service are also going to be purchased to gift to people who this time has been particularly difficult for.

The #SHINE Community Project team believe it is a privilege to be able to support the local community in this way and are excited for other opportunities within the coming weeks.



Pastor Andy gifting luxury hand care items to NHS staff.



The team delivering donated items to C5 ward.

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To follow the journey of the Shine Project or to donate via Just Giving, please visit our website:

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Do you know of any other ways that we can SHINE in our community? Get in touch!